(a) the number of years since Motor boat, Azad was first licensed in the State;

(b) the registered tonnage of the boat for which license fee was collected in previous years ;

(c) the registered tonnage for which the license fee was collected in 1108;

(d) the difference in the tonnage in (b) and (c) ;

(e) the reasons for the difference in (d) ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) From 1104 ;

(b) 5 tons ,

(c) 6 tons ;

(d) 1 ton ;

(e) The inner planks fixed at the bottom of the boat were removed by the present owners, thus increasing the height for tonnage measurement. This accounts for the difference.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether this improvement made in the boat was enquired into by the Government and whether any report was received; and if so, the contents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember. I do not think any report has been received from my subordinate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how the Government knew that such an alteration has been made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In furnishing the details of this answer we got this information.

Fans—Legislative Council Hall

45. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 391, dated 27th March 1933, will the Government be pleased to state how they intend to justify their supplementary answers to the effect that 'the Fans in the Hall were working. The Member could have used them' to their next statement 'the fan in the Library went out of order after the last sitting of the Council was over' ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It was never stated that the fan in the Library went out of order, only after the termination of the last meeting of the Council. The supplementary answer is therefore quite in order.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not stated that the fan was out of order during the session ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. I stated that the fan went out of order for a few hours on the last day of the session.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you produce the manuscript proceedings ?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew—I regret I cannot produce the manuscripts.

46. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the above question will the Government be pleased to explain the occasion for their mentioning of the Hall, its fans, and all that if the fan went out of order only subsequent to the previous sitting of the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The fan in the Library was not working on the last day of the previous meeting of the Council. It was then suggested that the Members might instead make use of the Council Hall to sit and read the reference books of the Council Library.

Agricultural Loans.

47. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the amount of agricultural loans given annually in the last five years in each taluk in the State ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement showing the amount of agricultural loans given annually in each taluk for the last 5 years is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can the Government assign any reason for giving comparatively small amounts to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The fund is distributed equally. Probably there were larger number of applications from the other taluks. Almost all the amount sanctioned have been distributed according to the necessity of the applicants.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Only a comparatively small amount is seen given both to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks. Is it because the head quarters of the Government is not situated in these taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Probably there were larger number of applications from other taluks. The total amount is distributed among the Tahsildars of all taluks and they distribute the amount according to the necessity of the applicants concerned. The balance amount is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and from that allotment payments will be made to applicants from any taluk.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government distribute the amount to each taluk and then divide it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Tahsildars are entrusted with 1,000 or 2,000 rupees for each taluk. Then the balance is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and the Diwan Peishkar makes payment to applicants irrespective of the question whether

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